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### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CELEBRATES JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK– MAY 11-15, 2015**

#### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY:**

The Riverside County Superior Court will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week, May 11–15, 2015, to recognize the service and participation of jurors from our local community. Recognition for jurors during the second week in May was established by a special resolution passed by the California Legislature in 1998 to acknowledge the important contributions of citizens who devote their time and effort in “making the cherished right of trial by jury a reality”.

“Jurors serve our community and those who need access to justice, which includes the right to a trial where they can be heard and judged by their peers,” said Presiding Judge Harold W. Hopp. “In recognition of this valuable service, the judicial branch has worked to ease the inconvenience of jury duty with one-day or one-trial service and plain-language jury instructions. We in the court system want each and every juror to know how much their participation and contribution to our American system of justice is appreciated.”

Millions of Californians participate in jury service each year:

- Approximately 10 million people are summoned;
- Approximately 3 million prospective jurors complete jury service, either in-person or by phone. Nearly 130,000 jurors are sworn in as trial jurors;
- Most prospective jurors (80%) complete their service in one day.

For more information on jury service in Riverside County, please contact 951.275.5076 or 760.342.6264 or visit the [Jury Service section](#) of the California Courts website.

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